
EFFECTIVE

March 1, 2022.

Subject(s)**Supervision of Parenting Time**

Parenting time must be supervised or unsupervised as ordered by the court.

If the court grants the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) discretion to provide supervised or unsupervised parenting time, parenting time must be provided with the lowest level of supervision needed to reasonably ensure child safety.

Parenting time must be supervised if any of the following harm factors were identified on the **most recent** safety assessment:

- Caregiver(s) caused serious harm to the child and/or made a plausible threat to cause serious physical harm in the current investigation or report period.
- The family has refused access to the child or the parent has threatened to flee with the child.
- Caregiver's behavior toward child is violent or out-of-control.

Note: Safety assessments must be completed with all updated case service plans when the parents have made at least partial progress in overall barrier reduction and parenting time; see [FOM 722-09C, Safety Assessment](#). If the foster care caseworker has not been required by policy to complete a safety assessment, the above determination must be made using the most recent Child Protective Services (CPS) safety assessment completed prior to the child's removal.

If none of the above harm factors have been identified on the most recent safety assessment and the caseworker and supervisor believe that serious harm to the child is likely to occur if parenting time is unsupervised, the caseworker must document, in behaviorally specific terms, the risk and safety concerns that must be rectified in order to safely reduce the level of supervision during parenting time until unsupervised parenting time is determined safe; see [FOM 722-08F, Visitation Plans](#).

Reason: Children's Services Agency clarification.

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